[*Translation*]

Irrigation Projects of Bihar

3262. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has approved the irrigation projects of Bihar; and

(b) if not, the reasons for keeping pending the irrigation Projects of Bihar drafted as per agreement of 1978 between Bihar and Bengal and the number of such projects pending and the areas to which they belong?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) During the last three years no irrigation project of Bihar has been approved by the Planning Commission.

(b) As per agreement of 1978 entered into between the two states, additional storage is required to be created in Panchet and Tenughat reservoirs on Damodar river and Maithon reservoir on Barakar river in lieu of release of storage space at Konar and Tilaiya respectively. Konar Diversion Project on Konar river, a tributory of Damodar river and Tilaiya Dhadhar project on Barakar river, of Bihar were considered by the Advisory Committee in March, 1984 and March, 1983 respectively. Their consideration had to be deferred due to non-resolution of inter-State issues between Bihar and West Bengal. Acquisition of additional land in the Panchet reservoir involves submergence of prime cooking coal and Department of Coal has not favoured the proposal. Since the Government of West Bengal have expressed reservation on clearance of these two projects in isolation the inter-State differences exist.

[*English*]

Renovation of Bungalows of Union Ministers

3263. DR. A.K. PATEL:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN. PANDEY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on the renevations/improvements carried put by the CPWD in each of the bungalows under occupation of Union Ministers from 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) whether apart from the CPWD any other agency or Public Sector Undertaking carried out any additions/alternations furnishing or improvements in any of the above residences; if so, whether CPWD's clearance was obtained for the purpose;

(c) the expenditure incurred on each Bungalow by each Public Sector Undertaking or other agency during the above period; and

(d) the details of the guidelines issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Details are given in the Annexure.

(b) Some additions/alteration, furnishing, improvements have been carried out in the bungalow occupied by the Union Ministers by agencies other than CPWD but the details whether these were carried out by the occupants themselves or by any other agency are not known to this Ministry.

(c) Does not arise in view of part (b) above.